

APPROVED MINUTES  
CITY OF MILPITAS  
ARTS COMMISSION

**Minutes:** Meeting of the Arts Commission  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, March 28, 2005  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas Community Center, 457 E. Calaveras Blvd., Rm. 7&8

**I. Call to Order** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**II. Phantom Art Gallery Opening – Milpitas Camera Club**

**III. Flag Salute** The Chair led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance

**IV. Roll Call** Commissioners Present: Ettinger, Hays, Hicks, Ogle, Rabe and Alternate Butler and McGuire

City Staff Present: Recreation Services Supervisor, Kathleen Yurchak,  
Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen

Council Liaison Present: Council Member Debbie Giordano

**V. Seating of Alternates**

The Chair sat Alternate McGuire in the current commissioner vacancy.

**VI. Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** to approve the Agenda of March 28, 2005

M/S: Hays/Ettinger Ayes: All

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

Commissioner Ettinger asked that Chairperson Foulk's name on Page 2, first paragraph, be corrected from "Bil" to "Bill".

**MOTION** to approve the Minutes of February 28, 2005, as amended.

M/S: Ettinger/Hays Ayes: All

**VIII. Citizens Forum**

Rob Means  
1424 Yellowstone Ave.  
Milpitas, CA 95035

Mr. Means asked the Commission to consider the Environmental Impact Report and recommending it to City Council in regards to elevated transportation from the northern to the southern side of Milpitas.

William Rowen  
958 Chestnut St.  
San Jose, CA 95110

Mr. Rowen presented the Commission with a proposal from Pacific Art Collective (PAC), to hold an event in the City of Milpitas, with proceeds from the event going to both the PAC and the Arts Commission. Mr. Rowen was directed to work with staff and return to the Commission with recommendation.

Larry Voellger  
689 Cardiff Place  
Milpitas, CA 95035

Mr. Voellger invited the Commission on behalf of the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts, to their CASP Event, Literary Tea, on May 14, 2005, at 11:30am, at the Milpitas Community Center.

## **IX. Announcements/Correspondence**

Commissioner McGuire announced that the California Parks and Recreation Society in Sacramento was great and they provided a Public Art Tour for those attending. She said the tour was interesting and that the Commission could get a lot of good ideas from Sacramento. She stated that Sacramento takes a percentage of the total project budget's, and applies it the purchase of a piece of art and the maintenance and staff costs related to the piece of art purchased.

## **X. Old Business**

### **1. Public Art Funding Policy**

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, explained to the Commission that at the March 15, 2005 City Council meeting, the Council discussed the Public Art Funding Policy and a memo from Vice Mayor Gomez and Council Member Giordano, asking for some additions to the Policy. The City Council asked that the Arts Commission review the memo and return to the City Council with their recommendations.

Commissioner Ogle stated that she would like to discuss the increase of the Milpitas Alliance for the Arts membership on the Public Art Committee. With the recommendation being four people, instead of the suggested two, it creates too large a number for a committee. Commissioner Hays asked that the Arts Commission hold a special meeting to discuss the items from the March 15, 2005, Council meeting, before their regular April 25, 2005, meeting, which will get the Arts Commission's recommendation back to City Council quicker.

**MOTION** to hold a special meeting on April 7, 2005, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the Public Art Funding Policy as requested by City Council.

M/S: Hays/Ettinger                      Ayes: All

### **2. Work Plan**

Commissioner McGuire stated that she contacted the Milpitas POST about the Arts Commission's article as stipulated in their 2005 Work Plan. Commissioner McGuire passed around a draft of the article that will be submitted to the POST. She asked for any comments from the Commission. The Commission stated that the article looked good and thanked her for her effort.

Commissioner Ogle informed the Commission that she attended the Planning Commission meeting, to inform them of the Arts Commission, their efforts and desire to be involved in any projects or decisions in regards to art.

Commissioner Ogle said that at the Planning Commission meeting, they were presented with the City's Midtown Plan for construction and improvement and stated that it would be a good idea if the Arts Commission had a similar presentation and receive the same information, as these upcoming projects will affect the Public Art Policy (PAC). Commissioner Hays asked that the Commission receive the same presentation. Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, asked what the points of conversation would be in regards to the

presentation. The Arts Commission involvement in projects at this point is premature, as the Policy needs to be adopted into ordinance and the Public Art Committee needs to be formed. Chairperson Foulk asked that it would be nice to have the information for the PAC.

## **XI. New Business**

### **1. Phantom Art Gallery Applications**

Carol Hamilton, 20-year resident of Milpitas, presented her work to the Commission. Commissioner Ettinger asked if she had any formal training. Ms. Hamilton answered that she is self-taught and her designs are original. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen, informed the Commission that should Ms. Hamilton's work be approved, her gallery would be from September 26, 2005 – November 18, 2005.

**MOTION** to approve the Phantom Art Gallery Application for Carol Hamilton.

M/S: Hays/Ettinger Ayes: All

Sandra Askin, representing the joint show application for herself and Alice Woodrow, informed the Commission that their show would be mainly in watercolors. The display case would be filled with both artist's biographies, as well as some woodcarvings and homemade bookmarks. Between the two artists, they have plenty of art to fill the gallery. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen, informed the Commission that should their work be approved, their gallery would be from November 28, 2005 – January 10, 2006.

**MOTION** to approve the Phantom Art Gallery Applications for Sandra Askin and Alice Woodrow.

M/S: Hays/Hicks Ayes: All

### **2. Cultural Arts Support Program Grant Review Subcommittee**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Lorentzen, informed the Commission that to ensure a more efficient grant review process, a subcommittee of three Commissioners would be formed to review CASP Grant Applications with Staff, who will then make recommendations to the Commission at their Grant Review meeting. The following Commissioner's volunteered for the subcommittee: Ettinger, Hicks, Rabe.

### **3. 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Participation**

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, referred the Commission to their Agenda packet. The application included for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade is included for their consideration. Commissioner McGuire stated that she feels it would be a good idea for the Commission to participate. Commissioner Ettinger agreed stating that participation would be great exposure for the Commission in light of their Public Art Policy. Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, said that if the Commission would like to participate, that a couple Commissioner's be assigned to complete and submit the Parade Application as well as think of some ideas for their theme. Commissioner Ogle volunteered to complete the application.

### **4. Review 2006 Calendar for Possible Commission Meeting Changes**

Recreation Services Supervisor, Yurchak, informed the Commission that traditionally, the Arts Commission's November and December meetings fall on or near Holidays. She asked the Commission to discuss and direct staff as to

whether they would like to hold or cancel their November 2006 and December 2006 Commission meetings.

**MOTION** to cancel the December 2006 Arts Commission meeting.

M/S: Hays/McGuire Ayes: All

#### **XI. Staff /Commission Reports**

##### **CASP Event:**

GENCO – April 2, 2005 – Foulk

##### **City Event:**

Commissioners' Dinner – April 20, 2005

#### **XII. Liaison Reports**

##### **1. City Council**

Council Member Giordano informed the Commission that at the March 1, 2005, City Council meeting, Council reviewed the following:

- KB home Project for initial feedback
- The project is on a 22-acre site owned by the MUSD
- The Open Government Ordinance was introduced
- Outreach to community for Commissioner participation

Council Member Giordano informed the Commission that at the March 15, 2005, City Council meeting, Council reviewed the following:

- Amended Sign Ordinance
- Adopted support for Library Parcel Tax Measure A
- General Plan Amendments; public input
- Historical display for O'Toole Elms

##### **2. Commissioner CASP Review**

Chairperson Foulk announced that he had attended the Fremont Symphony Orchestra Concert on February 24, 2005. Local elementary school students and a few High School students attended the concert. He loved the concert and there were many interesting pieces this year.

#### **XII. Future Agenda Items**

None

#### **XIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m. to the next Special Meeting on April 7, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Lorentzen